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MEN OF 63D DIV. GET HISTORIC TALISMAN

Courses of Study Offered by Army Cover Wide Field

Enlisted men of the Division who have been in the Army four months or more are now eligible for low-cost educational courses being offered by the Armed Forces Service Institute at Madison, Wis. The organization was formed by the government so that the educational progress of its fighting men might not be entirely overlooked in the preparation for and carrying out of armed warfare. Though headquarters of the Institute are at placid Madison, some 750,000 of its students are spread around the world on a dozen different battlefronts.

The AFSI has two educational aid plans. The first set of courses are those offered by the Institute itself. They comprise courses in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Business, Mechanics, Electricity and civil and architectural subjects. These basic courses consist of from six to 28 lessons, which are obtained by mail. The cost of these courses is \$2 each. The second set are given by the extension divisions of colleges and universities, which offer high school or college credits. There are 445 of these courses in a variety of academic and business subjects.

Consult Orientation Officer

To enroll in any of these courses, the enlisted man should first consult his unit orientation officer, who has copies of the Armed Forces Service Institute catalogue, describing all the courses offered through the organization.

Should he desire to take courses for high school or college credits, he should also write to the superintendent or dean of the school he intends to have the credits applied to, and make sure that this school will accept the credits as offered under the AFSI plan.

Having ascertained that credits will be acceptable at the school (Continued on Page 3)

Ginger Kay Stars In Rodgers Show

Featuring the singing of pretty "Ginger" Kay, a clever balancing and juggling act by the De Kohl Trio and the trained dogs of Mme. Lavina and Co., the Nat Rodgers Shows played before large crowds in Division Rec. Halls this week.

"Ginger" Kay's singing of "He's My Guide," "You Made Me Love You," and "You'll Never Know," and "My Buddy," highlighted the show. A member of the Rodgers' trio of dancing girls, "Ginger" was encored at each appearance.

The De Kohl Trio, consisting of father, mother and daughter Virginia, presented an individual balancing act with chairs by Virginia, juggling act between father and daughter, and a clever hat changing trick in which all three participated.

The five dogs of Mme. Lavina, most of them just dogs, provided considerable merriment by their tricks.

Comedy relief was provided by Charlie Joy, funny man, while the three chorines, Lally Deene, Clarine O'Day and "Ginger" Kay, all eye-compelling, pleased with their routines. Clarine presented a difficult acrobatic dance.

BLOOD AND FIRE

TO BLEED AND BURN

IN EXPIATION OF THEIR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

WAS PROMISED TO, AND PLANNED FOR OUR ENEMIES

BY THE UNITED NATIONS

AT CASABLANCA

IN 1943

Franklin D. Roosevelt

BORN THAT YEAR

THE

63D INFANTRY DIVISION

WEARS THE SYMBOL OF THAT PROMISE,

PREPARES FOR AND PLANS ITS SURE

AND JOYOUS EXECUTION

Winston S. Churchill

Card Contains Signatures of Allied Leaders

President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Others at Casablanca Conference Sign Talisman.

The fighting men of the Blood and Fire Division now are the proud possessors of a unique and priceless talisman—an omen of good fortune that will send them into battle knowing that they have with them the special regard and honor of the commander-in-chief, yes, even of the United Nations.

The talisman, replete with historical significance, is a 5-8-inch card showing the Division insignie adorned by signatures of the men who "made" the Casablanca Conference—the conference from which the Division took its symbolic shoulder patch and name.

The original Blood and Fire talisman, with authentic signatures of the Casablanca conferees, will soon be on display throughout the entire division. As soon as the autographed card can be suitably framed for handling it will be sent from one unit to another until all have had an opportunity to view the card.

Born June 15, 1913, in the year in which President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill promised at Casablanca to "make the enemy bleed and burn in expiation of their crimes," the 63d Div. took that pledge as its motto—Blood and Fire—to make the enemy bleed and burn.

The insignie of this combat division is a sheet of crimson flame, upon which is emblazoned an up-turned golden sword from the tip of which blood flows.

Original Signatures

On one of the colorful insignia cards, between and around the printed lines, are written the original signatures of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Prime Minister (Continued on Page 2.)

Warning Is Given On House Rentals

Officers and enlisted men were advised this week that if their families are renting property, they must be given adequate time to vacate in the event the property is sold.

"A tenant cannot be thrown out overnight just because someone has bought the house," officials of the Centreville Area Rent Office of the OPA said. "A permit for moving the tenant must be obtained through the Area Rent Office, McComb, Miss.

"A good many landlords are making voluntary refunds when there have been overcharges. This often prevents trouble later. Regulations say that no payment of rent need be made unless the landlord tenders a receipt for the amount to be paid."

63d in 4th Army

This week the 63d Division became a part of the 4th Army, with headquarters at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson is the commanding general. The division was formerly a unit of the 3d Army, commanded by Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges. At the time of its activation, June 15, 1943, at Camp Blanding, Fla., the 63d was part of the 2d Army.

A 28-ton medium tank has an alloy steel transmission weighing 7,600 pounds, or as much as three light automobiles.

Don't Get 'Trigger-Happy,' Veteran of Pacific Warns

Watch out for "trigger happiness." Night noises are natural; the time to worry is when there is no noise.

Those are two tips on jungle fighting, brought to the 63d by S/Sgt. John A. Russell, Co. L, 255th Inf. Sgt. Russell, who was at Guadalcanal and Tulagi for two

months, was returned to the States after receiving a rifle wound in the head. A caliber .25 Jap bullet went through his steel helmet.

"Watch out for trigger happiness," he said. "One night a security squad got itchy fingers. Result: Four wounded GIs and one dead. Also remember that getting accustomed to night noises is im-

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63d Talisman Card Has Autographs of Allied Conferees

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Winston Churchill, General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army; Admiral Ernest J. King, Admiral of the Fleet; Gen. H. H. Arnold, Commander of the United States Army Air Forces; the late Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, Admiral of the British Fleet; Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff; Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Frederick Portal, Chief of Britain's Air Staff; Vice-Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, then Britain's Chief of Combined Operations, and Lt. Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, Chief of Staff to the Office of Minister of Defense.

The origin of the Blood and Fire Insignia and the signing of one of the cards are separate and interesting stories.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs was charged early in March, 1943, with the task of forming the 63d Inf. Div. Gen. Hibbs wanted an insignia that would be a vivid and inspiring device worthy of a combat division—one which would keep their combat mission always before the eyes of his men. He definitely wanted to avoid the staid geometrical number patterns that are all too frequently seen.

At this time the story of the Casablanca Conference still held the world's rapt attention. The United Nations pledge made there by the President and Prime Minister, that "our enemies would bleed and burn in expiation of their crimes against humanity," inspired him to build the development of his fighting division around this realistic theme of blood and fire.

This idea, plus a conference with the heraldic expert in the War Department, produced the Blood and Fire insignia.

The striking patch worn on the shoulders of men of the Blood and Fire Div. calls to mind the words of Gen Hibbs in an Activation Day address to the Division:

"Your role is combat, nothing else. Let the Blood and Fire you wear on your shoulder keep you reminded always that war is a bloody and vicious game—no sportsmanship, no quarter. This emblem was designed to keep you reminded that either you kill your enemy or he kills you."

Card Traveled

The Division had its pledge, wore its insignia, but something more was needed, something that would show the men that not only the General, but the Commander-in-Chief, the United Nations were backing them to the hilt. And so the idea of obtaining the signatures was conceived.

That impressive array of dignitaries was to be found at the ends of the earth, almost. The card traveled to the office of the Army's Chief of Staff, then to the Quebec Conference and still later to England. One of the signatures in particular now is irreplaceable, as Sir Dudley Pound died October 21, 1943.

Nazis Balk at Mail Bearing War Slogans

WASHINGTON—German authorities have advised the State Department they will confiscate mail for American prisoners of war when the envelopes bear patriotic slogans, such as "Win the War" and "Buy War Bonds and Stamps." Postmaster General Walker asked the public to hand personally to post office employes all mail addressed to prisoners of war, or, if mailing in a letter box, to place the letter inside a second envelope with this inscription: "Postmaster—Prisoner of War Mail." The outer envelope need not be stamped. The mail then will be inspected to make sure it bears none of the forbidden legends.

Division Soldiers Heard Over WMIS

Soldiers of the Division were heard over Station WMIS last Sunday afternoon as the Servicemen's Center at Natchez sponsored the weekly broadcast from its recreation hall.

Piano selections were offered by Pfc. Pat De Lorenzo, who played "Paper Doll," and "Sweet Georgia Brown," and by Pvt. Don Pablo of Division Band, who played "Three o'Clock in the Morning" and "Indian Love Call."

Pfc. Merle Lutes sang "In the Blue of the Evening" and "You'll Never Know," while Pvt. Ralph Musciola sang "I Heard You Cried Last Night." Pvt. Eugene Annone was heard in "For Me and My Gal." Seven-year-old Billie Anne West of Natchez made her radio debut by singing "Victory Polka" and "Playmates."

Music of Spain At Chapel Concert

The fourth in the series of Artillery Chapel concerts featuring recordings of outstanding artists will be held from 1530 to 1630 tomorrow afternoon at Chapel No. 6.

Tomorrow's program will present a panorama of Spanish music designed to disprove the theory that all Spanish music sounds the same. Spain's great modern contemporary classical composer, Emanuel de Falla, will be represented by his well known "Ritual Fire Dance," from El Amor Brujo played by the Boston Pops Orchestra. Also by excerpts from his symphonic suite for orchestra and piano, "Nights in the Gardens of Spain," performed by Lucette Descaves and the Paris Conservatory Orchestra. The "Miller's Dance" from the ballet suite, "The Three Corned Hat," will be another recording.

Cuba's famous popular composer, Ernesto Lecuona, will be represented by his "La Comparsa," "Gitanerias," and the exciting "Malaguenas." On the spot recordings of gypsy music will be played and also asambas, tangos and rumbas, representative of Argentina and Brazil.

The area and population of India are roughly equal to those of Europe, excluding Russia.



ARRANGEMENTS, the musical variety, are being made by Pfc. Jose Madera, of Div. Band who formerly arranged musical scores for Xavier Cugat, famous dance band impresario. Pfc. Madera is an accomplished saxophonist and clarinetist.

Former Arranger for Cugat Plays in 63d Division Band

From the time he was old enough to lift up a clarinet, Pfc. Jose Hipolito Madera has known literally nothing but practice, practice and more practice on all kinds of reed instruments. Born in Guyama, Puerto Rico, the son of a former operatic clarinetist, Jose came by his talents both naturally and through study.

The elder Madera was a graduate of the Conservatory of Madrid, Spain, and came to Puerto Rico on an international tour with an opera company. He liked the land and decided to settle there and raise a family of musicians. He married Castora Freyre, daughter of the famous Gen. Rafael Freyre. She was an accomplished pianist and guitar player.

Studied in New York

Jose was schooled in Guayama and came to New York at the age of 19 to study under the then famous reed instructor, Merle Johnson. Until his departure from his native land he had been under the constant tutelage of his father in harmony and reeds. After two years of intensive work with Johnson, Jose began playing in small units for dancing schools. This led him to a further pursuit in the development of Spanish music. All the while he worked constantly on experimental arrangements in an effort "to Americanize Spanish music in this country."

His first big job was in Long Island at the Packok Inn, a hangout of the elite of Greater New York. While there he played under the direction of a Spaniard named Juan Sanabria, formerly—Pvt. Peter Oppen, of Ozark, Ark., music leader at Habana Madrid cabaret. He next played at the Rainbow Room under the late Nano Rodrigo. All the while he was which was to assist him greatly when and if his "big moment" arrived. While playing at the Rainbow Room they handled South American broadcasts over NBC and helped further to popularize this type of music with the listening audiences in the United States. A long engagement at the Stork club followed and he had the opportunity of playing under Nilo Menendez, famous composer of

"Green Eyes," who is now in Hollywood as a studio pianist doing picture work.

Arrangements Popular

Madera's outstanding arrangements and performances as a saxophonist soon attracted the attention of Xavier Cugat, leading exponent of Latin-American music in this country. His "big moment" had arrived and he was signed up immediately as saxophonist and arranger with Cugat. His arrangements, played the Cugat-way, gained wide popularity over night and it soon became necessary for him to devote half his time to arranging alone, interspersing it with playing only on recording dates with Cugat. He wrote most of the arrangements used by Enric Madriguera, Cuibelo and Chavez while still working with Cugat.

When asked if he had any particular hobbies, Madera merely shrugs and says, "No, I don't suppose I have any worth mentioning. You see, I've never had time to do anything but eat and sleep outside of my musical endeavors." Asked what his greatest ambition was, he said, "To do my part in the war effort, get the hell out of here and try out some new ideas I've hit on since I've been in the service!"

Jose's brother, Simon, is still playing bass with Xavier Cugat at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. Another brother, Oscar, is playing in New York as violinist with Sacasas at the Martinique and a third brother, Luis, is at present a civil engineer in Puerto Rico but formerly played violin and saxophone at the famous Escambron Beach club in San Juan.

Even the Movies Fail To make GIs Forget

WITH 2D ARMY IN TENNESSEE—Tired men trooped in from maneuvers, soaked from the rain and coated with mud. Some of them settled down in a USO mobile field unit to relax and see a movie. Name of the movie: "Stormy Weather." Name of the projectionist: Mr. Waterman.

School Is Held For Income Tax Assistance Here

So that servicemen and women stationed at Camp Van Dorn might have readily available information concerning their status in the making out and filing of U. S. Federal Income Tax forms for this year, a representative of the U. S. Dept. of Internal Revenue conducted a brief course in the subject at the camp this week.

Soldiers who desire help with their tax problems should contact the officer or non com listed who is most closely connected with their own unit. Those who attended the course include:

Capt. B. J. Bing, Station Complement; 1st Lt. R. M. Fagan, Jr., Station Complement; 1st Lt. John A. Condrasky, Co. A, 605 Engr. Com. Bn.; 2nd Lt. Jacob G. Miller, Hq. 605 Engr. Com. Bn.; Pvt. Nemis H. Tussell, Btry. B, 863 F. A. Bn.; Sgt. Philip Peariman, Co. B, 254 Inf.; Cpl. David Orkin, Finance Det., Sta. Com.; Pvt. Saverio K. Moskowitz, Co. C, 253 Inf.; Sgt. Joseph J. Minecci, Btry. A, 853 F. A. Bn.; Pfc. John U. Smyth, Co. M, 255th Inf.; Pvt. Robert A. Patterson, Co. C, 263d Engr. Combat Bn.; Pvt. Vincent P. Reilly, Hq. Btry., 81st F. A. Bn.; 2nd Lt. Thomas J. Donnelly, Co. F, 254th Inf.; Pvt. Charles Cohen, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 253 Inf.; Lt. Harold A. Lay, 263 Eng. "C" Bn.; Pfc. G. V. Burke, 2nd Bn., Hq. Co., 254 Inf.; Pvt. E. P. Durr, 1st Bn., Hq. Co., 254 Inf.; Pvt. M. Hamerman, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 254 Inf.; Lt. H. Rawcliffe, Co. E, 255th Inf.; T/Sgt. S. Kidder, 240 Med. Bn.; Sgt. John B. McPeak, Sup. Det., Sup. Div., Sec. No. 1.

Also S. H. Marsh, 1st Lt., Ord. Ordnance Branch; Mary M. McGehee, Ordnance Branch; Pfc. Albert Morrow, Co. A, 255th Inf.; Lt. Sol H. Brodsky, Hq., 1st Bn., 255 Inf.; Cpl. Pauline Rossfarb, WAC Det. No. 1; Pfc. Richard Knudtzon, Cannon Co., 255 Inf.; Pfc. Maxwell L. Nadis, 63rd Ren. Tp.; Pfc. Franklin L. Carpenter, 163 Ord. (I. M. Co.); S/Sgt. John L. Jackson, 58th Q. M. Co.; Wm. Fisher, Hq. Co., 63rd Inf. Div.; T/S Morris Barnett, 120th General Hospital; Lt. Elmer S. Lane, 120th General Hospital; Lt. H. G. Brooks, 75th Ord. Bn.; T/Sgt. M. C. Harlow, 75th Ord. Bn.; Lt. G. P. Nowell, 81st F. A. Bn.; Pvt. H. Holtz, 81st F. A. Bn.; Lt. S. M. Cooley, 63rd Q. M. Co.; Pvt. R. Gaveth, 63rd Q. M. Co.; Lt. D. L. Moses, 718th F. A. Bn.; Pvt. G. M. Brown, 718th F. A. Bn.; Dr. John S. Warren, Civilian Personnel Branch; Barney E. John, Post Exchange; Carl M. Langdon, WOJG, Staff J. A. Section, Hqs. 63rd Div.

Also R. S. Kenney, WOJG, 253rd Div.; H. S. Adcock, Tfc., Co. C, PTD, 63rd Div.; M. P. Schaefer, Pfc., Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 253 Inf.; L. Wm. Gunn, Jr., M/Sgt., 52nd F. A. Bn.; William A. Hungerford, T/Sgt., 862nd F. A. Bn.; Charles W. Gordon, Hq. Co., 63rd Inf. Div.; Charles E. Haynes, 791st Sanitary Co.; Robert P. Gordon, Co. B, 253 Inf.; Pvt. Sunsin, Hq. Btry., 63rd Div. Arty.; W. B. Newbold, Capt., F. A., Hq., 63rd Div. Arty.; Pvt. Barnard, Ordnance Motor Pool.

Also Elna S. Kaigler, Civilian Personnel Br.; Abbie J. Morehead, Civilian Personnel Br.; Margaret L. Turner, WAC Detachment; T/S Hill, Hq. Btry., 63rd Div. Arty.; Cpl. Sacks, Cu. Co., 254 Inf., 63rd Div.; George D. Kent, Co. I, 354 Inf.; Cpl. James K. Campbell, Co. D, 254 Inf.; Pvt. Ernest Hopf, 255th Med. Det.; Pfc. Robert Smith, 253rd Med. Det.; Pvt. Frank J. Daus, 253rd H. Co.; Capt. Leo E. Benade, 363rd Medical Bn.; Pvt. Jade E. Grant, 463rd Signal Co.; Pvt. Charles Goldstein, 563rd Signal Co.; Lt. O. D. Ferris, 350 Sig. Cons. Bn.; S/Sgt. Jerome A. Halfner, 292nd Q. M. Refrig. Co.; Pfc. Randall W. Marsh, 292nd Q. M. Refrig. Co.; 2nd Lt. Charles E. Martin, MAC, Station Hospital; 2nd Lt. Joseph E. Carr, MAC, Station Hospital, and Pvt. Milton Kaplas, 97th Engr. Maint. Co.

Soldiers are reminded that all Income Tax returns must be filed not later than March 15.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (CNS)—Pvt. Robert Brochu won a free dinner when Frank Sinatra, the singer, was rejected for Army service. Brochu bet a fellow soldier that the balladeer would not be accepted.

The Wolf by Sansone



Theater Schedules

THEATERS NOS. 1 AND 2 Starting Times—No. 1 at 1845; No. 2, 1910

Jan. 29 "Lifeboat," with Tallulah Bankhead, Henry Hull and William Bendix.

30-31 "A Guy Named Joe," with Spencer Tracey, Irene Dunn and Van Johnson.

Feb. 1 "Timber Queen," with Richard Arlen, Mary Beth Hughes, June Havoc. "Beautiful but Broke," with John Hubbard and Joan Davis.

2-3 "Madame Curie," with Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon.

4 "The Racket Man," with Tom Neal, Jeanne Bates.

THEATER NO. 3 Starting Time—1810

Jan. 29 "The Spider Woman," with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.

30-31 "The Desert Song," with Dennis Morgan and Irene Manning.

Feb. 1-2 "Lifeboat," with Tallulah Bankhead, Henry Hull and William Bendix.

3-4 "A Guy Named Joe," with Spencer Tracey, Irene Dunn and Van Johnson.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I'm a dog and my name is Cannonball and I'm mascot of the Cannon Co., 255th Inf., and I'm not the regimental mascot like you said I was when you printed my pictures in BLOOD AND FIRE two or three weeks ago. Then, I was small enough to fit inside the tube of our 105 mm. howitzer, but now I'm a big dog, about the size of a small duck—and, Mr. Editor, I'm mad as hell! (Us cannoneers are mean and tough and not too grammatical, sometimes!)

In that story, you didn't even mention the name of my company, let alone my name. And you didn't say a word about my Old Man, Capt. Robert M. Young, or my immediate superiors, First Sgt. Risdon Boykin and the CQ, and the Company Clerk, Pfc. Ernest Simpson. How the fritz do you think I'm ever going to get my stripes that way? For cripes sake! I bark my head off, nip at every pair of pants that passes; I don't leave stuff scattered on the floor, much, and, generally speaking, I'm a damn good morale builder. And then, when a chance comes along for me to get a plug for myself by getting my picture in the paper, you botch it for me.

And on top of all that, I'm the only guy in the Company who'll speak to the reporter. He didn't have anything to do with it, but he gets the blame.

You caused it all, every bit of it, and if you ever come around my company area I'll bite your legs, if I can reach that high. Bark! Bark!

Cave canem, Cannonball.

P. S. Are you one of the Ball family? Screwball, by any chance?

Report to the Homefolks

By Pvt. Irwin Ross

Ever since Mrs. Roosevelt started her famous column, the literary fashion of chronicling a typical day, in the life of a salesgirl, sandhog, deep sea diver—or soldier—has been hard to resist. I've resisted for the better part of a month, but now succumb to tradition and the desire to parade the minutiae of my daily existence as objects of near-cosmic significance.

I live in the third of the three slanty-floored, creaking, tar-papered barracks that house the enlisted personnel of Battery B of the 863d Field Artillery Battalion. In our shack live the Instrument section, the wire, radio, motor and mess crews. All of them pleasant fellows, with commendably normal habits—all except the cooks. These boys are the bane of my existence; every morning at least one of them awakes at four o'clock, to the accompaniment of a loudly clanging alarm clock. This jangle occurs but two bunks away from me, and I too invariably awake and toss fitfully in my ceiling-high upper perch. I listen with baited breath, as the cook accomplishes his bunk-side chores and loudly scrapes his way out the barracks and, after the door bangs shut, I can finally sink back into sleep.

Spirit May Be Willing

This bliss only lasts till 5:30, when the charge of quarters slams his way through the barracks, snapping on lights and bawling out the time. For a while I lay motionless, unwilling to take his word for it. Then I edge my head out from under the covers, blinking at the light and sneezing at the tickling chill that runs up my nose. With one hand I feel under the pillow for my watch and at long last confirm the fact that it is, indeed, time to get up.

A few business-like lads are already up, fully dressed and now making up their bunks. Others are determinedly sleeping on. They can remain abed until six and still make reveille if they hurry—and nothing can shake their devout passion for sleep. The barracks fireman is poking around the stove, trying desperately to induce a warm sputter of heat. I shuffle into my fatigues, fasten shoes and leggings onto my shivering limbs, and make for the outdoor latrine. After the morning ablutions are over, a slew of chores still remain: making up bunk, sweeping and mopping the floor, brushing dust off my shoes, arranging shoes neatly under the bed, checking clothes for unbuttoned buttons, arranging clothes hangers with even intervals between.

Police-Up in Darkness

We stand reveille at 6:15, eat breakfast at 6:30, and after eating have a precious few minutes when we can sit on our foot lockers and enjoy a cigaret before the whistle sounds and we line up outside the barracks in the half darkness. The next 15 minutes are devoted to "policing up, which is Army parlance for cleaning up. Before it got so dark in the morning, we used to be dispersed over the battery area to police every foot of the rutted, scraggly ground. Feet shuffling, heads bent at a 90-degree angle, we explored the area for stray match sticks, bits of paper, specks of coal. Now the group is lined up, split up and sent off to clean the day room, the latrine and orderly room.

Four classroom periods occupy us from 7:30 to 11:30. During a typical morning we will have a session on protection against air

attack, followed by a class on wounds and how to apply proper first aid measures. Then the news from the battle fronts will be digested for us in a period devoted to Orientation, following which we go outdoors and look on curiously while a machine gun is disassembled and assembled and the myriad parts named.

From 11:30 to 12:45 we are free—to eat, attend mail call, shave, warm our hands over the stove, or catch a few luxurious sighs of sleep on our bunk. In the afternoon, if we are not bounding off into the countryside on a problem, we have four more classes, which brings us to five o'clock. Then 35 minutes to wash, change clothes, polish shoes and belt buckles and generally prepare for retreat. After retreat comes supper and after supper—unless there are night classes, or a dental inspection, or a compulsory movie or some other engagement which it is our bounden duty to attend—we are on our own.



NEW BOSS of the 63d QM Co., is 1st Lt. Virgil C. Hamelmann, of Terre Haute, Ind., who assumed command of the unit this week.

Div. Dance Band At LSU Tonight

An all-star dance orchestra, composed of outstanding musicians taken from the ranks of Div. Band will play for the big military ball for the ASTP students at Louisiana State University tonight.

The Division Band is so organized that four dance bands are working constantly as separate units. For this special occasion, however, key men from each orchestra are being chosen to form the "presentation band."

CWO David Wright heads the list of musicians scheduled to play tonight. Others are Cpl. "Red" Dolin, formerly first trumpet with Vincent Lopez; Cpl. Carl Ratz, ex-slip horn player for Tommy Reynolds; T/Sgt. Zeke Miller, saxophonist for Herman Waldman, Pfc. Jose Madera, formerly with Xavier Cugat, and others.

254th Saturday Nighter Draws Audience of 1,500

Over 1,500 cheering GIs jammed CT White Rec. Hall Saturday to establish a new record for attendance at Cpl. Les Heath's "Saturday Niter" Programs. The program featured a combination of films and a USO Camp Show presentation.

Tim Tyler in "Deadwood Pass," an old-fashioned killer-diller Western show supported by a comedy featuring Joe Cook were the film presentations of the evening. The stogie-puffing audience availed themselves of every opportunity to cheer the hero and hiss the villains of the show.

At the completion of the flicker show, the USO Tabloid Troupe moved in with a zippy show which made the evening one of the best in the series.

Engineers Help Solve Problems of Civilians

Always helpful, those Army engineers—

At Junction City, Kan., a power company wanted its old dam on the Smoky Hill River destroyed. Army engineers from Camp Phillips wanted demolition practice. They got together. Result: No dam.

The town of Bondsville, Miss., tried unsuccessfully for years to

Courses of Study Offered by Army

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of his choice, the enlisted man then obtains an enrollment blank from the unit orientation officer and mails it to Madison.

Cost of Classes Varies

The cost to the student will vary, depending on which of the two plans he decides to follow. The courses offered directly by the Institute are at a flat rate of \$2 per course, but if the soldier elects to take one of the correspondence courses offered by a university or college extension plan, the government will pay half the cost of tuition and texts, up to \$20. The student must pay the rest. This means, that if for the fee for the entire course the individual selects is \$15, the government will split the cost with the soldier and he need only pay \$7.50. However, if the student selects a course for which the fee exceeds \$30, the government will pay only \$20 and the soldier the remainder.

A number of the standard texts in the more popular subjects—mathematics, physics, government and languages—are already on hand at the libraries of Service Clubs 1 and 2. This will result in some savings to the Division men electing to take the college courses, as they will not have to purchase the texts, but may read them at their leisure in the libraries or take them to their barracks.

Plan Continues Overseas

Should a soldier-student be assigned to overseas duties he may continue his course by taking the lessons with him and notifying the Institute or the university under which he is studying of his new APO number; the remaining course will then be sent to him and he may complete them and V-mail the answers back to the school at his convenience. Large numbers of soldiers already overseas are taking advantage of this service.

Not all Division men will care to tie themselves down to formal correspondence courses, but may desire to study individually or in informal groups by themselves, or under the guidance of qualified instructors within the ranks—of whom there is an abundance in the Division. For the aid of these men both libraries have stocked up with educational books and source matter.

Many Study Week-ends

Miss Elizabeth Williams, Librarian at Service Club 2, reports that every night and over the week-ends soldiers have been coming to the reading rooms to study such intricate subjects as physics, trigonometry and chemistry.

"Among the most popular books on our shelves are those standard texts which enable former students to take up their education where they left it when they entered the army," she said. "In addition to the marked interest in math and science, there is a definite trend toward languages, and such books as our Italian and German grammar books hardly ever reach the library shelves, the requests for them are so great. There are also handbooks on Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Icelandic and languages of the Malay States, and a number of boys have inquired for basic grammars in Czech, although these are not yet available in the libraries.

"Copies of La Prensa, Spanish-language newspaper published in New York, as well as French-language newspapers and magazines, as an aid to the men who are studying these languages at camp and who desire to get a reading knowledge of them." Both libraries have also application blanks for the ASTP courses, and a number of the Institute's texts on hand.

Congress authorized establishment of a separate Army Engineer Corps in March, 1902.

get enough money appropriated to repair a bridge across the Swift River. Army engineers were looking for a bridge repair job as part of their training. They got together. Result: A first-class bridge.



DRINKS ARE ON THE HOUSE for GI Joe Marionette, protegee of Mrs. Leslie Heath (left) who makes with fancy concoctions at Service Club 2's fountain. Holding GI Joe is T/5 Leslie Heath, husband of Mrs. Heath. Mr. and Mrs. Heath toured the United States with marionette shows prior to Les' induction.

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Strip Teaser (Inanimate) A Service Club Performer

Down at Service Club No. 2 there's an unconventional young doughboy who's always glad to give the strip teaser a helping hand, and who, when night falls, is perfectly happy to lie down in some warm corner and go to sleep. Through he wears a Blood and Fire insignia, he's not to be found in the official locator files of the division, for he's only a marionette—one of hundreds of marionettes owned by T/5 Leslie B. Heath, of 254th Inf.

Heath is a professional marionette man, and for the last seven years he and his wife, who currently gives out with ice cream down at Service Club 2, have been touring the U. S., Canada and Mexico. They used to cover about 35,000 miles a year, and played a whole gamut of showplaces ranging from swank New York nighteries to barn-like Kansas showplaces. One Christmas season found them performing in New York's McCreery's department store window, where thousands were attracted by their life-like three foot figures.

Fuzzy on Television

The movements of the Heath-created figures are all controlled by strings, and one of his most ingenious characters was a tramp named Fuzzy whose eyebrows and ears moved, and who could wiggle his moustache. Fuzzy appeared over the NBC television hookup, and was a great hit with the audience. Heath expects that when he gets out of the airbase, Fuzzy will return to the unifree waves.

The "doughboy" down at the Service Club who performs along with the stripper is another of the original Heath characters—a big-footed, Irish-faced, carrot-topped comedian, who sewed the 63d Division insignia on his uniform back in September, when Heath joined the division from the Ft. MacArthur Reception Center, where he was inducted in August. The two marionettes are among the handful of figures which the Heaths' have with them at camp.

Stranded in Wyoming

Taking his civilian motor marches around the states gave Heath a good knowledge of what the country is like, and he's had a lot of funny things happen. There was one cold winter night, for example, when they were chugging along in their car way up in the hills of Wyoming. The axle broke, and they found themselves stranded with only \$20 in their pockets and a cocktail shaker filled with Manhattans. The drinks kept them from freezing while a rural mechanic repaired their car. When it came time to pay, he charged them \$21, but accepted all their ready cash plus a dollar's worth of postcards. When they arrived at their

next stop, Vancouver, B. C., they had empty pockets, but a rosy glow.

In Syracuse one night, someone made the stage too short, and Heath, forgetting he was not appearing on his own large stage, took one step too many and fell right on the head of a violinist, who happened to be the president of the local union.

Heath has been assigned to do recreational work at 254th Inf. in the office of Lt. Lawson W. Kateley, regimental athletic and recreation officer.

254th Inf. Dance Is Big Success

Under the auspices of Lt. Lawson Kateley's regimental special service staff, members of the 3d Bn., 254th Inf. held one of the most successful dances of the winter season last Friday at CT White Rec. Hall. Arrangements were handled by Sgt. Abe Kanig, of 3d Bn.

Eighty-seven young ladies of Natchez and Baton Rouge visited the camp for the dance. Music was provided by the CT White orchestra, playing the first leg of a heavy week-end schedule which saw them appearing at a dance a night.

Miss Jenny McLin, affable program director of the Natchez Servicemen's Center, who brought the girls from her community to the camp, directed the Grand March.

Additional entertainment was provided by Cpl. Milton Kosman, Co. M, "Kissproof" Buddy, Co. I, and a musical featuring Glenn Wyatt, Jack Campbell and Steve Martin.

Lt. Tuttle Weds Miss Lois Bader

1st Lt. Wallace Tuttle, regimental adjutant of the 255th Inf., and Miss Lois Bader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herman Bader of St. Louis, Mo., were married by Division Chaplain William A. Patrick, Monday afternoon in Chapel No. 10. The wedding was the first at which Chaplain Patrick officiated since becoming Division chaplain.

The bride and groom were attended by Lt. and Mrs. Harold R. Frans. Lt. Frans is also with the 255th.

Lt. Tuttle is a grandson of the Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, Bishop of Missouri, and presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States. The Lieutenant is a graduate of St. Paul's School, New Hampshire, and of Yale university.

After a short wedding trip, Lt. and Mrs. Tuttle will make their home in Centreville.

IN MEMORIAM

The entire division today mourns the death of Pvt. Robert W. Kastner, 19, of Hq. Btry., 863d F. A. Bn. Pvt. Kastner was struck and killed by a vehicle while walking along one of the roads on the Post.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kastner of 265 Ontario street, Buffalo, N. Y., Pvt. Kastner entered service in August, 1943, joining the 63d soon afterwards.

OKANOGAN, WASH. (CNS)—Marine Maj. Gregory Boyington, who downed 26 Japanese planes in the Pacific to tie the current war ace record of Maj. Joe Foss and the World War I record of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker is missing in the Southwest Pacific, his mother has been informed.

CT White Actors Amuse Audience

A revised edition of the CT White extravaganza "Hurricane Burlesque," played to a large and enthusiastic audience at CT White Rec. Hall Wed., Jan. 19.

Pfc. Gilbert Vitale, prestidigitator, presented mystifying feats of magic followed by a rollicking chorus of GIs who backed up the charming "Yo Yo" Woods—as charming an individual as ever doffed GI O.D.'s. "Yo Yo" wore pink and white and sang and danced her—or was it his—way through the show.

Sgt. Bernie Evans sang "You're Mine, All Mine," a new song by Pvt. Albert Carchio. Sgt. Evans was accompanied by Pvt. Carchio who played the accordion, and Pvt. Anthony Ficka the guitar.

The "Fox Hole Fugitives"—the dance orchestra of the 254th—played for the assorted GIs and guests from Natchez, Baton Rouge and nearby towns.

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EDITORIAL

PRIOR PLANNING

Prior Planning is the byword of the Army and the sure road to success. Prior planning is just the thing many of us can do now to fit ourselves for civilian life.

This scheme of thought is aided by establishment of the Armed Forces Institute, a non-profit educational institution set up by the Government for the specific purpose of aiding the soldier.

Our training does take a lot of time but there is enough spare time available to the soldier to take advantage of the AFI—to use PRIOR PLANNING.

IF THE SHOE FITS

Last week we made a mistake editorially. We blamed enlisted men for wearing peaked caps and garrison belts. We do not retract that placement of blame but enlarge its scope to include the groups more directly responsible—the officers and non-commissioned officers under whose aegis the troops allegedly are being disciplined.

How can a private possibly leave his company or battery area clothed in forbidden raiment without being observed by his officers or non-coms? Surely his immediate disciplinarians are acquainted with the clothing in his possession. Surely they must see him "decked out" as he prepares to leave the post. And just as surely he can't hide a billed cap in his pocket.

Perhaps it is the non-coms and the officers who are lying down on the job. The chain of command—the entire method of carrying out orders—must be broken somewhere when a directive is not carried out.

Last week-end, as on other week-ends, men of the Division were seen in their off-time haunts wearing articles of clothing not permitted men of the 63d. They were seen also with unbuttoned blouses and with loosened ties. All counts are unreconcilable.

Let us note that these cases are the exception. The majority of Blood and Fire men are living up to the fine example set by the majority of the excellent officered and enlisted cadre of the 63d. For those privates who uphold the fair name of the 63d and for those members of the cadre who inspired the others who helped give us a wonderful reputation, we have the deepest respect.

For the officers, non-commissioned officers and other "sad sacks" who flout regulation and bring discredit to our good name, we say, strengthen the chain of command, check your subordinates, recheck them and see that they check and recheck their charges until we have the discipline now that will payoff on the battlefield.

A son will act away from home the way he is trained at home by his parents. These soldiers are your boys. Train them well in your little family and you won't have to worry about them when they are off the post.

We reiterate: Congratulations to those doing a fine job. To you others—if you've been found wanting, make corrections—but now.



"Going my way, Adolf?"

News from Here and There

Big Hearted Yankees Pay General's Fare

LONDON (CNS)—Gen. Sir Frederick Pile, Commander in Chief of the Anti-Aircraft Command, was approached by two American privates during a blackout. The GIs, who didn't recognize the general asked him the way to West Kensington. Gen. Pile happened to be going the same way, so all three piled into a passing hack.

After an interesting conversation in the dark cab, they reached their destination and the Americans offered to pay for the ride. "Oh, no," said Gen. Pile. "I'll pay. I'm senior to you."

"You may be," said one of the Yanks, "but you don't get as much pay."

'Nazis' Don't Get Far In Camp Phillips

CAMP PHILLIPS, Kans. (CNS)—Pvt. Peter Opper, of Obarck, Ark., and Pvt. Charles Von Hadelin were told to dress in German uniforms and wander around camp to determine how far they might be able to go.

They didn't go far. Sgt. C. J. Willford spotted them immediately, knocked Von Hadelin down and clouted Opper on the head with a grease gun.

Moral: If you're a Nazi, avoid Camp Phillips.

Wife of General Enlists as Private

FT. DES MONES, Iowa (CNS)—WAC Pvt. Pauline Ogden, who is taking her basic training here, is the wife of Brig. Gen. D. A. D. Ogden, deputy commander in the Mediterranean. She enlisted in the WAC when her husband went overseas.

Sgt. Cited for Work Which Improved Bomber

NAPLES (CNS)—M/Sgt. Wendel Horne, of California, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his part in the design, manufacture and installation of equipment to improve the fire power and protect the crews of B25 Mitchell bombers. The award was made by Gen. Henry H. Arnold, USAAF commander.

Steaks for Two Bits For Pacific Base GIs

SYDNEY, Australia (CNS)—Servicemen in some parts of the Southwest Pacific can buy a steak dinner with two vegetables, dessert and coffee for 25 cents, thanks to the Red Cross, which fixes prices in American clubs and rest rooms on the basis of cost.

'Nuts to You,' Says Jap, It Was Wrong Password

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (CNS)—A Marine private in a communications platoon was admonished for giving the days password over a telephone line which might have been tapped by the enemy. The next day the private answered a call and when asked for the password, replied "Nuts to you."

He was chagrined to discover

that the voice on the other end belonged to a major who bawled him out for being disrespectful. That night, however, the Yank was vindicated. A Jap tried to worm through the American lines by using the password "nuts to you."

Yank, Army Weekly, Honored for Service

NEW YORK—For "distinguished service to American letters," Yank, the Army weekly, received a plaque from the Saturday Review of Literature.

Quentin Reynolds, war correspondent and author, who presided at the presentation, said Yank has contributed much to the morale of the American soldiers on all battle fronts by bringing them information from home and entertainment.

He said the Russians long ago recognized a home newspaper as a morale builder for the Red Army and that daily paratroopers carry copies of the official organ, "Red Star," to the battle front.

Broadway Show Jibes Congress on GI Vote

NEW YORK—Congress has another headache—from Broadway. The newly-organized Stage Door to Action is showing a short play entitled "Send That Ballot Out, Bub," demanding Federally-supervised soldier voting. Its leading character will be "Senator Rankest," played by Comedian Zero Mostel.

Nazi Pillbox Destroyed By Russian Ski Torpedo

MOSCOW (CNS)—The Russians are now using land torpedoes on skis to destroy German battlefield emplacements. The local radio recently cited one instance in which a Russian sergeant loaded a heavy explosive on skis and sent it gliding down a slope into the firing point. The resulting blast demolished the pillbox, the broadcast added.

Mrs. Roosevelt Aids Officer's Ailing Wife

FRESNO, Cal. (CNS)—Frantic because he was unable to secure penicillin for his critically ill wife, Cpl. Victor M. Freilich, of Los Angeles, stationed at the Air Service Command Training Center in Fresno, Cal., appealed by telegraph to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Through her efforts a bottle of the magic drug was flown from Palm Springs, Cal., to Los Angeles in an Army plane. Doctors said the drug probably saved Mrs. Freilich's life.

Daughter of 1812 Vet Draws Pension

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Veterans Administration records disclose that one pensioner from the War of 1812 still remains on the government's pay roll. She is Esther Ann Hill Morgan, 86, of Independence, Ore., the daughter of John Hill, a private in Clark and McCumber's armies, New York militia. She receives \$20 a month.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Michael E. Reynolds
(254th Infantry Regiment, 63d Division)

Just as the physician is interested primarily in locating the cause of the fever to effect successful treatment, so should we understand fully the cause for which we fight in order that we might successfully carry out our mission as soldiers. In itself this is one of our freedoms we are fighting to maintain.

The rattlesnake is blotted out wherever found because it encroaches upon our freedom. So must the common enemy be destroyed because they are seeking to blot out the inalienable rights of all people.

There are principles at stake in this war. We are fighting to preserve them. The preservation of these principles is a sacred inheritance given us by Almighty God, who was the strong arm for his people throughout the Bible in overcoming their enemies.

To maintain our freedom is greater than life itself. To live in bondage, fearing bonds and binders, lacking the necessities of life, forced to remain silent at injustices, and refused freedom of worship, will not be tolerated by our people.

The Bible was given for the maintenance of freedom and justice among all peoples. God amply provided for the securing of world freedom when He sent his Son into the world to give his life for the cause of freedom that "Whosoever believeth in Him" might be free from the bondage of sin that enslaves man.

G. I. Jingles

PARODY TO 'CHILDREN'S HOUR'

(Robert Louis Stevenson)
Between the dark and the daylight
When the bugler has us in his power,
Comes the start of our day's occupations
That is known as the "reveille hour."

I hear in the "decker" above me
The "slapping" of dangling feet
And the sound of a door that is opened
With a voice anything but sweet.

From my pallet I see in the dim light
In stages of varied undress,
Gus and "the Fox" and De Falco—
The stars of our AJ mess.

There's "Shorty" and Casto and Heilman
Intrepid I and R men—
And let's not forget about Milbrodt,
Housenother to the whole den.

A sudden rush from the barracks—
An avalanche is seen—
As thru the door the GIs pour,
All headed for the latrine.

But oh the time is fleeting,
Oh the time is short—
And we must all rush back again
To line up and report.

So tumbling back in the barracks
We hurriedly dress—and then
Sgt. Pchanich is at the door,
So out we must tumble again.

This time we all stand at attention
(As the "Major" looks us o'er)—
Then comes the same familiar cry,
"All present or accounted for."

And the night here is filled with no music,
And the cares that infest my day
Will cause me to fold my tent like that Arab
And as silently steal away!

—By Pfc. Herbert Arbitblit,
Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 255th Infantry.

ARMY CHAIR CORPS SONG

(Tune: Army Air Corps Song)

Here we go, into the file case yonder
Diving deep, into the drawer,
Here it is, buried away down under
That snafued stuff we've been searching for.
Off we go, into the CO's office
Where we get one helluva roar,
But nothing will stop the Army Chair Corps!

Here's a toast to the host of those who slave
With feet on desk so high,
To a friend we will send a message of
The trials of the Swivel-chair guy.
We type and file, and though we have no pron
We're either in a spin or else we blow our top;
A toast to the best of men who curse
The Army Chair Corps.

Here we go, into the file case yonder,
Keep the margins level and true,
If you'd live to be a grey-haired wonder
Keep your nose out of the glue.
Office men, guarding the Army's red tape
We'll be there, followed by more
With Dictionary, we're stationary;
Nothing can move the Army Chair Corps!

—Army Times

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

863d F. A.—Battery C comes forth with the following new Pros: Lefe J. Dixon, George K. Fox, Willard R. Heldenreich, Burdette J. Heun, Edward J. Lana, William M. McNear, Jacob J. Pompe, Jr., Willard L. Reetenwald, Harold R. Rieky and Edward R. Santulli. . . . Among new corporals at that battery are: Carl Duss, David Nagy, Stanley J. Slowik, George E. P. Jenson, Jr. and Lekis E. Hill. . . . New T/5s include Henry C. Sampson, Russell R. Spiker, Glenn P. Visser, James O. Barnes, Jr., James W. Cudaby, and Alan W. Miller. . . . The lumbering hamlet of Crosby Miss, which is some 15 miles northeast of camp, was filled to overflowing with servicemen last week end. One enterprising GI took an informal census and reports that 50 per cent were from Hq. Btry. . . . The boys from Hq. Btry. have an idea for a new "secret weapon." . . . They suggest sending the "Green Hornet" overseas. This is the vehicle owned by Sgt. Samuel C. Bryen. They say its noise as it approached the front lines would scare the wits out of the enemy. . . . Pvt. Thomas F. Mullen, Btry. A, a native of Philadelphia, wants to locate Pvt. Don Morris, who also comes from the Friendly City, and who is located in one of the infantry companies here. . . . Pvt. Harrison "Hank" Blass and Irvin "Cowboy" Curley, both of Btry. A, are going more than 10,000 miles each on their furloughs. Blass is visiting Bremerton, Wash., and Curley, who has a ranch in Montana, is visiting California. . . . When Pvt. J. M. Westmoreland thought he was about to be run over by an antitank gun during the speed march last week he took one dive into the ditch beside the road.—It was filled with water.

253d Inf.—Pfc. John Klack, of Co. A, stopped the battalion show last week with his vocals; he hails from Pittsburgh, where his voice is well known in the entertainment field. . . . Pvt. Henry Evans was lulled to sleep the other night by one of his bunkies' radios blaring hill-billy tunes; he awoke at dawn to the tunes of mountaineers yodeling.—"Don't those guys ever go to sleep?" he asked.

718th F. A.—Pvt. Charles Schouer, Btry. A, is wondering if they'll credit his "Impossible" on the transition course. His first bullet downed the first two targets and the next four took only one shot apiece. He figures he should get 25 points out of a possible 24. . . . There's a masterful new pin-up at the 718th NCO club, the work of Ernal E. LeMasters. . . . T/5 Robert Kittine is now Ranger schooling, while Cpl. Ralph Szymanski and Cpl. Albert Conrad are attending First Aid and Hygiene School. . . . At Btry. B Lt. Hart so inspired his men that on last week's speed march they covered more than 11 miles in two hours without a single man dropping out. . . . New Pfes. at Hq. Btry. include Richard McKnight and Chester Carsten, both of Wire Sec. . . . At Service Btry. there are three new T/5s, former Pfts. Uhing, Tuschinski and Plumridge. . . . 1st/Sgt Martin almost gave Pvt. Pete Puralowski grey hair when he drove a gang from Serv. Btry. to the station at McComb. He handed out all the furlough papers except Pete's. As the first soldier started to drive away, Pete yelled: "Hey, where's mine?" The sergeant, with just a faint twinkle in his eye, replied softly, "Forgot it." Pete stood, irresolute and desperate until, a minute before the train left, he spotted one of his buddies standing on the platform waving the paper; he had had it all the time.

63d QM Co.—Pvts. Pedro Martinez and Jerry Benner have a collection of autographed photos of bands and bandleaders. Benner has 250 photos in his. . . . Pvt. C. J. (Jackie) Paris, "red hot mama" singer, appeared at Service Club 1 last Sunday night with a new swing orchestra.

254th Inf.—Regimental Hq. Co. Clerk Jack Knight has been promoted to T/5. . . . New Pfts. include former Pvts. Couball, Cripps, Cummings, Davidson, Fiore, Howard, Manzano, Marker, Meader, Meyer, Molloy, W. R. Ray and R. L. Ray, Romaniello, Rosewitski, Schers, Silverman, Trumpf and Wash. . . . Over at Co. A new stripes are being sewed this week on the uniforms of newly-created Sgt. Joseph T. Fennessey and Cpls. Leonard E. Klepp, Frank J. Mordaco, Raymond G. Braunreuter, Henry T. Youngman, and Albert L. Parsons. . . . Service Co's T/5 Amadeo Secma nearly stopped the USO show Saturday at CP White Rec Hall when the torrid songstress asked him to hold her hand during the staging of a particularly sentimental song. . . . Three promotions at Co. C have made Robert Guier a sergeant and corporals of Willard J. Toussaint and Ewell B. Dean. . . . Lt. George S. Allen, assisted by Pvt. Bernard Rosen, has designed a new orientation section for Co. C which is being painted by Pvts. Joseph F. Scherrer and Andrew F. Marlow. Included among the displays will be two life-size paintings of soldiers by Scherrer. . . . Pvt. Charles J. Schwartz of Co. E has an open date with a beefsteak as the result of winning last Sunday's quiz contest at Centreville USO. . . . Co. G has three new sergeants: Ted Campbell, Obadiah Wilson, and James Kelly, and four corporals: John Brandt, Robert Ross, Richard Emert and Attilio Mastrobattista. New T/5s include Howard Fuhrman and Dominick Marro. . . . Benedicts of Co. G include Cpl. Thomas Casey and Pvt. William Dubie, both of whom became spouses while on furlough. . . . S/Sgt. Ben Scherer, who recently became the father of a bouncing boy, now is furloughing so that he may meet the youngster. . . . Joe (Traveling) McGonigle's former pals at Co. G will be glad to learn that he's bounced from the PTD to the MP Plat. . . . Since Pvt. James Hayes has returned from furlough his friends say that there's hot water once again. . . . Recent promotions at Co. H have made the following sergeants: George G. Steigerwald, Scburn Richardson, William Robot, Roscoe Pife, Thomas Coughlin and Meyer Lebowitz. . . . Capt. John B. McClure, Jr., formerly of G-3, is the new CO at Co. H. . . . Capt. Crooks, former commanding officer, is now executive officer of 2d Bn. . . . Lt. Norman Thames, who has joined Co. I, has been in a number of demonstration units at Ft. Benning. . . . Another new Co. I officer is Lt. John Mahoney, who once was a topkick in the famed Yankee Division. . . . Lt. Robert Sarroff became the proud papa for an 8 lb. 2 oz. son January 20. The lieutenant won a \$1,000 War Bond by having a son. . . . Another new father is Pfc. Harry A. Chapman, Co. K, whose son weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. . . . During a class on digging fox-holes a Co. L instructor, thinking of the direction of enemy approach, posed the question, "How is a foxhole dug?" The startled GI to whom the question was addressed replied "Down." . . .

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Division Musicians Entertain Natchez Citizens at Center

Five musicians of the Blood and Fire Division entertained a large gathering of Natchez citizens Monday night at a silver tea held at the Servicemen's Center. The tea marked the opening of the new Blue Room devoted to recreational activities for Servicemen.

Vocal and instrumental music comprised the program presented by Pfc. Frank Richert, of Div. Artillery, former operatic singer; Pvt. Frank Moore of the 253d Inf. singer and guitarist; Pvt. Paul Taubman of Division Special Service, erstwhile pianist and organist for NBC; Don Pablo of Division Band, pianist and composer, and Pvt. Arnold Spector of Division Special Service, lyricist and musical comedy star.

Pvt. Bert Moore, whose tenor voice singing Irish melodies, had often been heard over the NBC network, sang "Blue Heaven," and "You'r Irish and You'r Beautiful," accompanying himself on the guitar.

Don Pablo presented two piano selections, "Three O'Clock in the Morning," and "Indian Love Call". Pfc. Richert, bizzor of a rich baritone, sang Bizet's "Agnes Die," and "Begin the Beguine."

Pvt. Taubman's rendition of the popularized Intermezzo, and a group of selections from Strauss waltzes, were brilliantly executed. Pvt. Spector scored hits by singing "Water Boy," the song of the village half wit from the opera "The Bartered Bride," and "Short-nin' Bread."

Political sketches and original drawings of the comic strip "Bernie Blood" which appears weekly in BLOOD AND FIRE, were exhibited in the Blue Room. Pfc. Gill Fox, originator of the comic strip, was present at the program and was introduced to the gathering by Pvt. Spector.

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES
Chapel No. 7, Episcopal Communion Service, 9:00.
Chapels No. 6, 7, 8, 10, 6:00.
Chapels No. 5, 8, 10, 1:00.
Chapels No. 5, 7, 8, 11:00.

MORMON SERVICES
Sunday
Chapel No. 8, 1:00.

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
Sunday
Chapels No. 5, 8, 10, 6:00.
Chapel No. 8, 1:00.
Theater No. 1, 10:30.
Chapel No. 10, 11:00.

Evening Mass
Chapel No. 5, Monday (Novena Miraculous Medal) Wednesday, Friday, 18:30.

Chapel No. 10, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 17:00.
Chapel No. 10, Tuesday, Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 19:30.
Chapels No. 5, 8, 10, Saturday, Confessions, 18:30-20:00.

JEWISH SERVICES
Friday
Station Hospital, 19:45.
Chapel No. 7, 20:00.
(Festivity of the Sabbath in Co. Day Room.)

Sunday
Chapel No. 7, 10:00.

Christian Science Reading
Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 11:00.

Seventh Day Adventist
Chapel No. 1, Friday, 19:30.

Five trees are needed to supply each man in the armed forces with the equipment he needs.

About three tons of tin goes into an average-size submarine.

Don't Get 'Trigger-Happy,' Veteran of Pacific Warns

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portant. The time to worry is when there is no noise."

Contrary to popular opinion, Sgt. Russell said, the Japs are not all small men. He came up against many who were six feet tall.

"On Guadalcanal the Americans noted that the Japs did not carry gas masks," he said. "This seemed to preclude any idea that they would employ gas in combat, so we buried our masks, although we noted the places in the event of a surprise attack."

"In comparison, our weapons are superior in firepower, but their rifle is more accurate for short distances. A most noteworthy feature of their rifle is that it does not have any muzzle flash. Our ordnance should note that. Lack of muzzle flash makes their weapons most desirable for sniping. Their grenades are not as foolproof as ours, but their 'knee mortar' is a weapon which must be reckoned with."

The Japanese used no extensive fortifications on Guadalcanal, the sergeant said. Instead, their defense method was the use of scattered strong points, plus a wealth of snipers.

"These snipers kept mostly to the jungles where they could employ their excellent knowledge of camouflage," he said. "Each soldier carried a net and an assortment of varicolored sweaters which blended

perfectly with the surrounding foliage."

"They would tie themselves into a tree, usually a coconut. Thus they were invisible from the ground. Our men used to spray all the trees with 30-cal. 'medicine' before advancing under them. On one occasion a soldier climbed a tree and found 27 dead Japs hanging in their nets. Not one could be seen from the ground."

Woods Training Valuable

"When you get over there and you want to send the folks a picture of a Jap, just take a picture of a tree—any tree. There probably is a Jap in it."

Hang on to your M1 and keep it clean, Sgt. Russell advises.

"It is a damn good weapon, and the Marines we fought with knew it," he said. "We had a tough time holding on to ours. Each Marine wanted to replace his '30 with one of our M1s."

American training in the woods is important, according to the sergeant, because that is where the Jap likes to fight.

"The Japs are terrific fighters," he said. "Don't underestimate their ability. The Jap marine is as tough as any fighter in the world in any type of combat, but the Jap soldier has no taste for proximity to an American bayonet, and the American soldier is superior in close combat."



Q. I'm a draftee. Next month I will have completed three years in the Army. Am I then entitled to longevity pay like Regular Army men?

A. Yes, selectees are entitled to longevity pay amounting to five per cent of their base pay upon completion of a full hitch of service just like everyone else in the Army. You're also entitled to wear a hash mark.

Q. What is the base pay of an aviation cadet?

A. An aviation cadet gets \$75 a month and \$1 a day for subsistence during training. Upon the successful completion of his prescribed course of instruction he is commissioned a second lieutenant or appointed a flight officer.

Q. Is it permissible for a soldier to wear a Veterans of Foreign Wars ribbon on his uniform?

A. It is not. The VFW is a

civilian organization and its ribbons are not recognized by the War department as decorations. Look it up under AR 600-45.

Q. When I entered the Army last year I took out \$10,000 insurance, naming my wife as beneficiary. Since then she divorced me and now I want to make the policy payable to my mother. Is it permissible to do this?

A. Yes, a service man may change his insurance beneficiary at any time without the knowledge or consent of the beneficiary.

Q. I recently graduated from OCS. As an enlisted man I contributed each month to my mother's support. Am I permitted to continue this policy now?

A. Yes, you may continue to aid your mother financially through a Class E allotment of pay. If, before you became an officer, your mother was receiving dependency benefits, these payments will stop now, since officers are not eligible for them. No one will stop you, however, from voluntarily sending your own money to her through a Class E allotment.

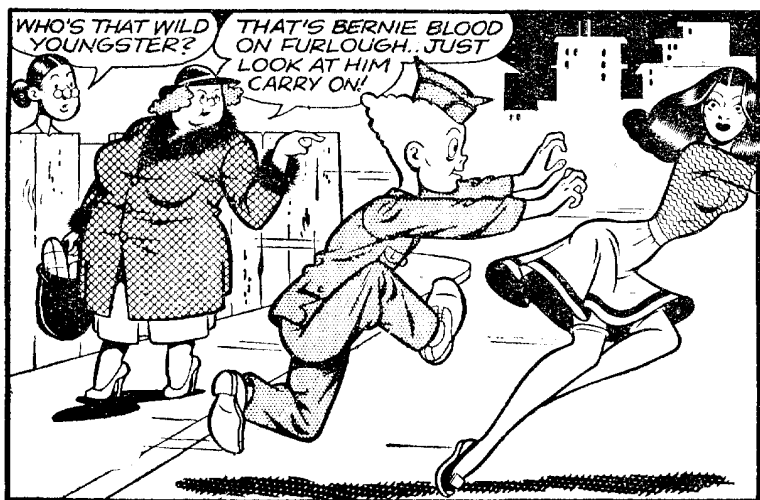
It Was Ever Thus

Pvt. Joe Kaufman, Co. I, 255th Inf., recently made his debut as a KP. Not wishing to get "dishpan hands" he wore a pair of rubber gloves. But he hadn't reckoned on the wear and tear of pots and pans and GI soap. "Tis true that the pots and pans were removed from the sink sans grease, but when the day ended little Joe was also sans gloves. He swears the GI soap just washed them right away, dissolved the fingers and made a start on the upper part of the protective gauntlets. He DID have dishpan hands after all.

Swordfish Rams Chaser, Leaves Blade in Hull

SAN JUAN, P. R.—Somewhere in the Caribbean there swims an embarrassed—and swordless—Swordfish who made the sad mistake of charging an American submarine chaser. The fish rammed the starboard bow of the chaser with such force that he drove his three-foot sword completely through the two-inch white oak hull. By the time an alarm was sounded the swordfish had broken off the action as well as his sword.

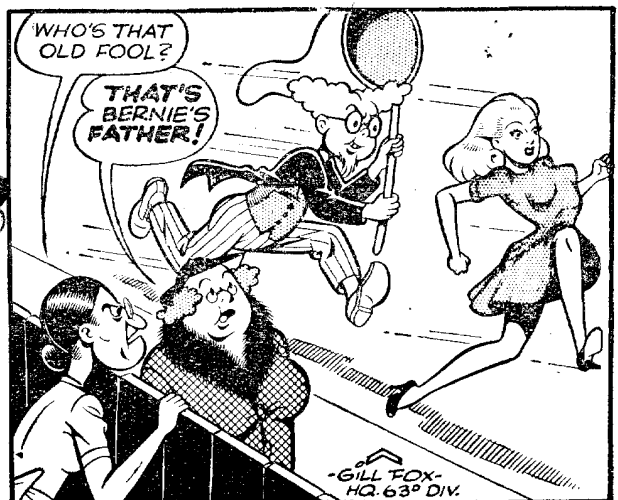
BERNIE BLOOD



It's In The Blood



By GILL FOX



Two Division Boxers Win in New Orleans Area

254th Five Trips Redcats by 45-20; 255th Tops Medics

Court outfits representing Combat Teams White and Blue stand at the head of the list following two exciting contests played during the past week to open the Division CT Double Round Robin Tournament.

CT White's team, represented by the 254th Inf. Five, set a sizzling pace to upset the strong CT Red combine, 45-20. The CT Blue quintet, represented by the 255th Inf. team, downed the strong 363d Med. Bn., 40-31, in the second game.

Whites Lead All Way

Jumping away to a 22-8 lead in the first period, the CT White basketballers held the lead all the way in their game with the Redcats. Pvt. Seymour Barkowitz, forward for the victors led both teams in scoring with 12 points while Pvt. "Red" McMahon, Redcats forward, put on a scoring spree in the last half to net 10 counters.

Displaying a smooth passing attack, the CT Blue five beat off a determined rally on the part of the Medics to win handily with a margin of nine points. With towering Cpl. Tex McCord, and Pvt. Paul Bodkins and Tony Lanzetti, showing the way the victors got off to 21-10 lead in the first half.

Mitchell Is Star

The Pill Rollers rallied in the second half and with Pvt. Bill Mitchell keeping his team in the running with spectacular one-handed shots, they pulled up to threaten the lead held by the winners. The Blues finished strong, however, to put the game on ice.

High scoring honors went to Cpl. McCord of the winning team with 13 points. Mitchell led the Medics with 12.

Scoreboard for CT White vs CT Red. Includes player names, points, and totals.

Scoreboard for CT Blue vs 363d Med. Includes player names, points, and totals.

CT White Five Wins 12th Game

The CT White basketball team swept to its 12th straight victory last Wednesday night when it defeated the Van Dorn All-Stars, 52-29, at CT White Rec. Hall. The All-Stars were composed of some of the best players from various outfits in the Division.

The losing team was strong individually but lacked teamwork. The victors were sparked by the brilliant play of Cpls. Seymour Barkowitz and Don Galbraith. Barkowitz scored 10 points and Galbraith, 11.

Motterschow and Maupin shared scoring honors for the losers with five points each. Sgt. Johnson played a brilliant floor game for the Stars.

QMs Rout Medical Co. In Court Game, 68-54

In a non-league game the QM five outscored the Medics of Co. C, 363d Med. Bn., 68-54, at Special Troops Rec. Hall last Saturday night.

Cpl. Tom Brendford of the victors, and Pvt. Gene Bruno of the same team, led the scoring with 26 and 24 points respectively.

Utilizing their newly devised defense, the QMs baffled the Medics in the first half but as the game progressed the scoring became general and both sides romped up and down the court. The QMs managed to cling to an early lead, however, to win the game.

Look, Bowling Alleys!

Bowling fans of the Division who have been lamenting because of lack of facilities for their favorite sport, will be delighted to hear that two buildings which will house 12 alleys apiece are under construction in Camp areas.

One of the buildings, located in the 255th area, on 15th Ave., near 19th St., is almost completed and is expected to be ready for use by the middle of March. The other building, construction on which has started, will be located at 10th St. opposite Eighth Ave., near Service Club No. 1.

The alleys will be of the standard variety and will be installed by the Brunswick Balke Collender Co. They will be operated by the Camp Post Exchange. Each building will contain, in addition to the alleys, stands where refreshments will be sold.

CT Blue Nears End In Court Tourney

With most of the Combat Teams running into the second round of play, the Division Basketball Tournament is producing some close contests all along the line. In the CT Blue tournament, nine company teams have been bracketed for the playoffs and the first two winners to be produced in this tournament are Co. F, and Cannon Co.

In the CT White circuit, Co. H, leads the American circuit with four straight wins while in the National loop, Co. M has won four and Hq. Co., three. Neither outfit has been defeated. In recent games, Cannon Co. whitewashed Co. I, 30-16, with Schmidmeister leading the victors with 4 points. Service Btry. downed the Medics, 27-16. Pontone of the winners led the scoring with 10 counters.

S/Sgt. Bob Dunlap of Co. F, led his team to a 45-31 victory over the men of Btry. B, in the CT Blue race. Co. F was out in front, 26-8 at the half, and although the Artillerymen came back strong in the second bracket, the commanding lead established by the victors enabled them to breeze through.

Cannon Co.'s five used its height to advantage in downing Co. C, 54-32. The plucky Co. C team kept the Cannoneers hustling in the first half but in the second heat the victors set a two-to-one scoring pace which was too much for their foes. Pvt. Paul Bodkins of Co. C, led both teams in scoring with 16 points.

Green League games produced victories for the 563d Signal Co., over the Co. B Medics, 28-20, and for Co. C, 363d Medics over the Rangers, 50-22.

Appling, Now in Army; Baseball Days Over

Pvt. Luke Appling, Chicago White Sox shortstop and American League batting champion last year, now taking basic training at Camp Lee, Va., has announced that he probably won't return to the major leagues as an active player after the war.

"After all, I'm 37," explained Appling, who has been the hitting star of the White Sox infield for 13 seasons.

When asked by another soldier what ball park suited him best, Appling replied: "I don't hit home runs so the size of the park doesn't bother me at all. I can't even see the walls—let alone knock the ball over them."

THANKS—AIRMEN

Credit for the photograph of a basketball game between CT Blue and Harding Field, which appeared on the sports page of the Jan. 22 issue of BLOOD AND FIRE, should have been given to the Army Air Corps. The photo was furnished by the Public Relations Office at Harding Field.

A/C Johnny Pesky, Boston Red Sox peacetime shortstop, has been named semi-pro baseball's "man of the decade." Pesky played for the Silverton (Ore.) semi-pro team in 1938 and 1939.



JUMPING are players of four teams in double-header staged last week at Special Troops Rec. Hall. Top photo shows a jump ball in the game between the Civilian Chicks and the WACs won by the Chicks, 18-3. Bottom photo shows action in game between the 363d Med. Bn., and the DeRidder Army Air Base five, won by the Airmen, 39-23.

Medics Bow, 39-23, Chicks Repel WACs

In a double-header basketball game staged at Special Troops Rec. Hall last Friday night, the Army Five from DeRidder Air Base, defeated the 363d Med. Bn., 39-23, in the feature contest, and the Civilian Chicks, a team composed of girls employed in the Camp, defeated the WAC Detachment five, 18-3, in a preliminary contest.

Led by Giska, center, and DiBella, a guard, each of whom scored 10 points, the Airmen took a 12-0 lead at the half and were never headed thereafter.

Scoreboard for DeRidder Air Base vs 363d Med. Bn. Includes player names, points, and totals.

Two Coaches for Tigers DETROIT—The Detroit Tigers return to the two-coach system this summer. Arthur Mills, one-time National League pitcher, has been signed as assistant coach under Manager Steve O'Neill. Last summer the Tigers had one coach, Al Vincent, who will be back.

DIVISION BASKETBALL LINEUPS

A detailed table listing basketball lineups for CT Blue, CT White, Cannon Co., Signal Co., 363d Med., Eng. H.S.S., and 363d Ord. It includes player names, positions (G, F, C), and statistics.

Kaczlowski Beats Airmen Following Change in Decision

Although the 63d Division sent only three of its fighters to participate in the All-Servicemen's Boxing Show held at the Coliseum, New Orleans, Wednesday night, the Blood and Fire representatives scored two victories and a near miss.

According to reports brought back by Lt. Bernard Levkoff, in charge of athletics for Division Special Service, the division representatives encountered difficulties both in and out of the ring.

Kaczlowski Gets Decision

Complications arose right after Leonard Kaczlowski of Co. K, 254th Inf. had battered Roger Reagan of the Army Air Base all over the ring. The judges blandly announced that the fight was a draw. Immediately another fight was in progress as representatives of the 63d endeavored to show officials that the decision was wrong. Following a rechecking of the points given each fighter it was discovered that the decision was in error and Kaczlowski was awarded the decision.

There was still trouble ahead, this time for fiery Pete Monsanto of the 255th Inf. Monsanto, a Puerto Rican, was scheduled to meet Nick Negeau of the Algiers Naval Station, which outfit won the Legett team trophy. Negeau entered the ring and then refused to fight Monsanto. Another argument ensued and again the verbal battle was won by the 63d and Monsanto won by default.

Loses Close Decision

Pvt. Charles Hennessy of the 254th Inf. put up a terrific battle with George Colbert of the Coast Guard but lost a close decision which appeared to be unpopular with the fans.

Trophies emblematic of their victories were presented to Kaczlowski and Monsanto by Lt. Levkoff at the CT Blue bouts last night at CT Blue Rec. Hall. The presentations were witnessed by a large crowd of soldiers including Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander, Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, division artillery commander, Lt. Ferdinand T. Unger, commanding the 718th F. A. and Col. Paul Tombaugh, commanding the 255th Inf.

Morales Victor In CT White Tilt

Exhibiting a lightning-like left jab which had his opponent in trouble early in the battle, Pfc. Cisco Morales, of Co. A, won the feature bout from Pvt. Len Ashby of the same company as CT White launched its carnival of champions at its Rec. Hall, last Wednesday night, with men of the 1st Bn. competing.

Morales displayed cool judgment in defeating his game opponent who proved no match for his foe.

Six bouts comprised the card. In the other contests, Pvt. Carl Naegles, Co. C, defeated Pfc. Walter Feasel, Co. B, in the 127 pound class. In the 145-pound class, Pvt. Walter Haniszowski, Co. C, and Pvt. Joe Liloila, Co. C, fought to a draw. Pvt. Lou Gaybrant, of Co. A, won the nod over Pvt. H. Hertzberger, of Co. D, in the 165 pound class, and Cpl. Lou Marshall of Co. B, downed Pfc. Don Ginther, Co. B, in the same bracket. Cpl. S. Januszewski, Co. B, downed Pvt. Frank Vatiato, Co. B, in the 175 pound heat.

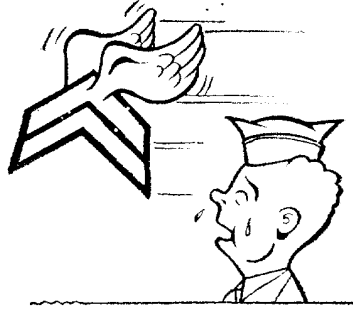
New York Grid Giants Send Stars to Service

The New York football Giants have sent a full team into the service and it's a better team than the one that finished second for them in the Eastern division of the National Football league last year.

Grid Giants in the service include: Jim Poole and Jim Lee Howell, ends; Johnny Mellus and Win Pedersen, tackles; Kayo Lunday and Ben Sohn, guards; Lou De Filippo and Chet Gladchuck, centers, and Nello Falaschi, Frank Reagan, Len Eshmont, George Franck, Howie Yeager and Marion Pugh, backs.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

The chevrons of two non-coms of my outfit sprouted wings and flew at Reveille the other morning and don't think I am bragging.



either, when I tell you the part I played in it. I'm just trying to slip you a tip with the idea of helping you keep yours, if you get some, and help you get some if you haven't.

This is how it happened: When the top-kick said "Fall in!" I was standing in the rear of the 1st Platoon and the squad leaders reported "All present," as big as life. About that time out of the barracks came a guy hell bent for election and damn near knocked me over getting into ranks.

Just one minute later the arms of that guy's squad leader were as naked as a newborn baby. It took just two good yanks and off those chevrons came, easy-like. I figured that if he knew a man was absent when he reported "All present," he was playing favorites and lying besides, and if he hadn't checked up before he reported, he wasn't on the job. In either case he had failed to live up to his responsibilities as a noncom and a separation was in order.

The other case was that of a corporal who showed up for Reveille without leggings. When I asked him why he had no leggings he said he hadn't had time to put

them on, although all the privates in his squad had. My idea is that NCOs should be away ahead of the privates, not the reverse; so I just performed a little operation which made him a private.

I kind of hated to go to the Company Commander with two pair of chevrons dangling from my belt, but, hell, he was the most appreciative man I ever saw. "I've got to be able to depend on non-coms and the sooner I get rid of the poor ones the better off the company will be," he said. "The action you have taken is just what I expect from my non-coms."

If you new non-coms have the idea that chevrons give you a lot of extra privileges you're barking up the wrong tree. It's extra responsibilities you get, that's all, and the more rank you get the more important it is that you set a good example for the others to shoot at.

A good square leader is just like a good papa of a family. He trains, loves, cares for and sets a good example and when the occa-



sion arises he's got to give his children hell. A good squad leader, or any non-com, for that matter, does the same thing.

Inf. Combat Teams Peerless in Jungle Observers Declare

WASHINGTON — The Infantry Division combat teams are considered to have no peer in jungle combat, it is reported by observers just back from the attack on Bougainville Island in the Solomons by the 37th Infantry (Buckeye) Division, it is announced this week by the War Department.

Army tacticians readily admit that the Jap is skillful in throwing up strong defensive positions, constructing deadly pill boxes and foxholes of whatever material is readily obtainable, but, on the offensive, he is more apt to stage a wild, suicidal rush in inadequate strength than to map out and attempt to execute a sustained drive. Such tactics have resulted in tremendously heavy Jap casualties.

Landing Force Annihilated
An example of this type of combat was seen by the observers on Bougainville on Nov. 7, when the enemy landed a force of about 500 on the northwest coast of the island, about 30 miles north of the American beachhead. Simultaneously, a force estimated at two battalions was moving north from other Jap positions to the south. The northern force was virtually annihilated by artillery and mortar fire and the few survivors were taken prisoner by the American patrols.

A heavy artillery barrage was also concentrated on the southern forces of the enemy when it was detected, and the following day the bodies of 1,149 Japs were found by our patrols. This led the observers to report on the effectiveness of the Artillery-Infantry combination in combat teams. The man with the rifle is deemed the most potent force in the tangled jungles, and when he uncovers an enemy area or a numerically superior concentration of the enemy, he calls upon the artillerymen to plaster the target with 105 and 155 mm. shells.

Heavy Weapons Effective
Moreover, the infantry has also its own integral artillery units for close-in support, including 81 and 60 mm. mortars, 37 mm. anti-tank guns, and some 77 mm. field pieces.

As a consequence, the observers agreed, the pattern of victory in land fighting in the Southern Pacific remains in the sweating, grimy hands of the doughboy, who walks and crawls his way into battle.

King George Knights Two U. S. Generals

ALGIERS (CNS)—King George VI, of England, has knighted two U. S. generals, honored 16 other generals and cited ten officers, a sergeant and two privates with various decorations.

Maj. Gen. Walter B. Smith, Chief of Staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath and Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark became a Knight of the Order of the British Empire. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was one of nine generals named Companions of the Order of the Bath.

S/Sgt. Cyrus Cobb was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for heroism near Pichon in Tunisia and Pvt. Theodore Hill and Pvt. Malcolm Pressel, two heroes of the Tunisian campaign, were given the Military Medal.



SLINGIN' IN THE RAIN are these GI messmen of Cannon Co. 255th Inf. Like other units of the Division, they're now eating under field conditions from the familiar GI mess kits.

Chant Only Mumbo Jumbo, Former Tobacco Man Says

"Hey, twelve dollahs-illa-dolla-dilla-dolla-dolla-illadolla—" It doesn't mean a thing, says Pvt. David K. Bethea.

Millions of Americans who have heard the weird, singsong chant of the tobacco auctioneer on the radio tried to translate it into English but, says Bethea, it can't be done. Bethea, now attached to Co. B, PTD, was in civilian life general manager and auctioneer for the Dixon Tobacco Co. in Mullins, N. C. He explains the auctioneer's speech this way:

Auctioneer Calls Bid
"After the opening bid, such as 'Hey twelve dollahs,' the auctioneer is just killing time while awaiting the next bid from buyers who circulate through the warehouse, examining tobacco and deciding what to bid. When a bid is received, the auctioneer breaks the chant, calls the bid and continues the mumbo-jumbo in this manner: "—illa-dolla-illa-dolla TWELVE AND quarter-illa-dolla-dolla-dilla-TWELVE AND half-illa-jolla-illa—"

Bethea believes the chant originated with an unknown auctioneer who, intending to disparage a small bid, chanted, "Hey, one dollar, little dollar, little dollar." Later auctioneers copied the chant and slurred its words, and it became the most popular on the tobacco floors.

This is not the only chant used, however. Many auctioneers use their own private gibberish and, according to Bethea, "half the time they themselves don't know what they are saying."

Chant Peps Auction
"The chant keeps the auction pepped up and it hurries the buy-

Wings Lose Bruneteau, Busy in War Industry

DETROIT, Mich.—The Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League have lost one of their stars to war industry. Modere "Mud" Bruneteau, veteran wingman, captain and leading scorer, said that his war plant job will prevent his playing road games with the Wings for the remainder of the season.

Bruneteau, 29 years old and the father of a 2-year-old son, explained his absence from the Detroit line-up recently when the Wings tied 2-2 with Montreal, by saying that he had notified Manager Jack Adams earlier that he would be unable to join the team on its road trips.



Pvt. David K. Bethea

ers by creating an atmosphere of urgency," he says. "Warehouse rentals are computed on the basis of time tobacco lies in the auction room. I've seen a million pounds of tobacco sold in a single day for 40,000,000 pounds sold during the market season, which lasts from August to October."

Bethea got the "smell of the weed" in his nostrils at an early age on his father's 400-acre farm at Dillon, N. C. He operated the farm from the time he was graduated from high school until his induction last August. Auctioneering was a sideline.

A personal friend of "Smokey" Riggs, the auctioneer glamorized by cigaret programs on the radio, Bethea considers Riggs a fine radio personality, but only a fair "working" auctioneer.

"Riggs' voice is not strong enough," Bethea says. "It takes a deep, chesty voice, reinforced by a galvanized larynx, to sell an average of 400,000 pounds of tobacco a day for 90 days. An auctioneer who lost his voice in the middle of the season would be laughed out of the business."

Jap Weapons Inferior To Ours, Says General

DETROIT (CNS)—Japanese weapons lack fire power and are in every way inferior to our own, Maj. Gen. G. M. Barnew, chief of the development branch of the Army Ordnance Department, disclosed in a speech here recently.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

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Topkick James Snider found four of his boys worrying about their furloughs because of financial difficulties; he shelled out \$200 of his own money...When Pvt. William N. Isaacson left New Jersey to join the Army, his wife, Rose, took over his successful life insurance business. Bill says the business is fine. Now he's assistant to Capt. D. M. Bassett, 254th dental surgeon...

Prov. Tng. Det.—S/Sgt. Charles Clark, whose mess has won praise from Maj. Frank B. Farr, says he's abolished the old "KP pusher" system with excellent results. "I just kill 'em with kindness," he says...Pvt. Paul Stotland received a wedding anniversary gift from his wife, Beatrice. Stealing a page from O. Henry's "Gift of Magi," he bought flowers for her with the money...Pvt. Assam Moses, Co. B, achieved the ultimate in double talk last week when, after learning the chant of the tobacco auctioneer from Pvt. David Bethea, he rendered it in Syrian...Pvt. Louis Cantalupo admits his name means just what you think it does, but he threatens bodily harm to the next joker who calls him "Honeydew."

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Promotions of the week make Pfc. of Joseph Druzisky, Chemical Warfare Office, and Reginald Stanborough and Norman Kies, both of Division Special Service...Last week a typo referred to the promotion to T/5 of our editor; his name, as all readers should know, is Tom Hoctor, not Harris...Paul C. Smith of G-3 Sec., wins this week's little giant killer award...While everyone was getting ready to go to his respective duties Thursday, Paul removed a large box from his shelf. He espied a little gray figure darting inside it and came down with a broom. Before he'd finished his slaughter he'd killed four of the five mice nesting in his box...Acting topkick while Jay E. Rich furloughs is Sgt. John M. Phillips.

63d Rcn. Trp.—The topkick of the Recon was left in a quandry by one of the Post dentists this week. "Lieutenant, that man can't keep his dental appointment, he's AWOL," said 1st Sgt. Leon Stahl. Replied the dentist: "When do you expect him back?"...Folks might not know to look at him, but this topkick fought for eight months in the Spanish Civil War...for which service he was paid for only one month.

Male Call

UNCLE SAM—hatter...
HIS VARIETY OF ISSUE HEADGEAR IS EXCEEDED ONLY BY THE WAYS G.I. JOE AND JOSEPHINE HAVE FOUND TO WEAR THEIR SHAP-PO

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POOPED DROOP
one thing about this lid—it was good to sit on during 10 minute breaks...



THAT FIELD CAP ISN'T BUILT FOR THE R.A.F.'S PICCADILLY TILT—ESPECIALLY ON WINDY DAYS...



They never seemed to finish the NAVY NURSES' hat...

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



CHINA-SIDE JOB—VERY MASKEE... only seagoin' Gyrenes with hash to the elbow can do this justice...



NAVY'S DISHPAN... who wouldn't wear earphones? It gets lonely in there—you can pick up Bob Hope between Zeros...



COAST GUARD IMMIGRATION RESTRICTOR. Those guys are always going to the beach at the wrong time of year...



100 MISSION CRUSH—for that first furlough home from FLYING SCHOOL



THE GOOD OLD ALL-PURPOSE M-1 BUCKET



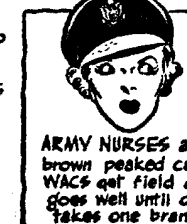
THE MARINE GAL'S TEUFELHUND with chic...



THE DOCTOR LIVINGSTONE makes every dogface look like he built the PANAMA CANAL—well, maybe a foxhole



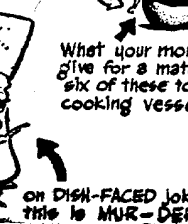
No doubt about who's got responsibilities in the WAVES and SPARS



ARMY NURSES allowed to wear new brown peaked cap on the street—and WACS get field cap for post duty—All goes well until dumb civilian mis-takes one branch for the other...



THE A.A.F. DONALD DUCK on DISH-FACED jokery this is HUR-DEE!



MILTON CANIFF



REMEMBER?



WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—Last October Miss Helen E. Ver Planck ordered two pairs of shoes, asking that they be sent to P. O. Box 341. They arrived the other day. A postal clerk apparently thought the parcel was marked APO and sent it to North Africa.

CHICAGO—Mrs. Adele Born Williams, wealthy wife of an attaché of the State Department in Washington, died of a bullet wound inflicted, under strange circumstances, by a mysterious gunman in Mrs. Williams' apartment in the Drake Hotel. Witnesses saw a fur-clad woman fleeing from the direction of Mrs. Williams' Eighth-floor apartment.

NEW YORK—A bracelet which Adolf Hitler gave the pretty girl whose mother supplied him with writing materials for the manuscript of "Mein Kampf" has assured the purchase of at least \$160,000 worth of War Bonds. The bracelet was a Christmas present in 1935 to Friedlinda Wagner, granddaughter of the composer, Richard Wagner. Miss Wagner fled Germany in 1937. The bracelet was sold in a radio War Bond auction.

PITTSBURGH—The Aluminum Co. of America will resume manufacture of collapsible tubes for tooth paste and other products, first aluminum items for civilians since stocks of the metal exceeded war demands. The War Production Board already had announced that after March 1 civilians will not be required to turn in old tubes when purchasing dentrifices, shaving cream and other items, but asked that the practice be continued on a voluntary basis.

LANCASTER, Pa.—John A. McSparran, outstanding dry advocate in Pennsylvania until recent years and twice a candidate for governor, died at the age of 70.

CHICAGO—The state supreme court has ruled that the sale of milk in paper containers violates the Chicago city ordinance because such containers do not come within the definition of a milk bottle. Pending the filing of a motion for rehearing and its disposal Chicago companies will be allowed to continue to use the containers.

TOPEKA, Kans. (CNS)—A woman pedestrian started to cross an icy street. She slipped, fell, was struck by two cars and crawled the rest of the way. When she reached the other side she arose, brushed her clothing—and walked away unhurt.

LARCHMONT, N. Y.—The telephone rang in the home of a coal dealer. "What's this blankety-blank coal you sent me?" inquired the angry caller. "Why, it's soft coal which the Solid Fuels Administration sent to stretch out short supplies of hard coal," the dealer replied. "Well, it won't burn," yowled the customer. "The fire's out." The caller was Walter J. Dockerill, of New Rochelle, solid fuels administrator for this area.

DENVER—A disabled bomber pilot, first veteran of World War II to run for a major political post, is a candidate in Colorado's special Congressional election March 7. Maj. Carl E. Wuertele, decorated nine times and wounded on his 25th aerial raid in the South Pacific, is the Democratic candidate for the seat left vacant by the recent death of Rep. Lawrence Lewis. The major, 30-year-old former high school and college athletic star, is expected to receive a medical discharge from the Army soon.

LANSING, Mich.—The one-man state grand jury has ordered the arrest of 20 members and former members of the Michigan legislature and six officials of finance companies, charging they conspired to influence legislative votes on bills in the 1939 session of the legislature. The warrant charges that bribes were paid on three different pieces of legislation, involving small loan interest rates, chattel mortgage foreclosure procedure and installment contracts covering motor vehicles.



FIRST AID classes conducted by a representative of the American Red Cross have been started for Division personnel. Two men have been assigned to the course from each company. Photo shows group learning the proper method of applying splints to a shattered limb under the supervision of John C. Jackson, field representative from Atlanta, Ga.

TS for Mordecai

Punch a TS card for T/5 Mordecai Bauman! One of his civilian friends mistook his handwriting and mistakenly addressed a letter: "TS Mordecai Bauman, Serv. Co., 255th Inf." On the very day that Bauman received his new "rating," his commanding officer, Capt. George C. Whitney, visited T/5 Bauman in the CT Blue athletic and recreation office. The soldier had found his Long Johns too warm for such a lovely day and was in the act of stripping them off when Capt. Whitney walked in. Bauman came to a hasty "attention." The captain laughed. "Talk about catching a man with his pants down!" he said. "It's my new TS rating," Bauman moaned.

Pin Ups, Sodas and Mail Join to Aid Orientation

Pin-up girls, cartoons, ice-cold pop and mail from home are items of the sure-fire technique used by Co. F, 254th Inf., to draw attention to its orientation display, which is at once a model of attractiveness and of economy. The colorful floodlights exhibit which occupies an end and two side panels of the dayroom was constructed at a cost of \$2.15 for paints and brushes. All other construction was improvised from scrap materials. Floodlight reflectors were made from No. 10 cans from the mess hall. Raised letters were carved from heavy cardboard. Basic construction was accomplished with scrap lumber. Lt. Robert J. Canright, orientation officer, and his assistant, Cpl. William B. Smith, former New York and Chicago advertising executive, devised several ways of increasing traffic to the orientation board. Cigarettes are prizes. The Coca-Cola dispenser was moved next to the display on one side and the mail box on the other. The company bulletin board—required reading—was moved into the dayroom. Further interest is maintained through a series of current events contests. A free carton of cigarettes is the winner's prize in each contest. Humorous cartoons are sprinkled through the more serious items, but the most successful eye-catchers are one or two large pin-up photos which are changed frequently. "These prove especially effective in drawing closer attention to the other lines and figures we want the men to study," Cpl. Smith, says.

Other Departments

Beneath a three-dimensional Blood and Fire emblem is a "news flash" board highlighting the regiment's daily news bulletin and

Soldiers Invest Heavily in Bonds

Washington—Soldiers in Uncle Sam's fighting forces are buying approximately \$30,000,000 worth of U. S. War Bonds a month from their pay to help pay for the arms they are using with such devastating effect against the enemy, it was announced this week by the War department. One out of every three Army men and women is investing in war bonds, according to a report given to the War department by the Army War Bonds Office of the Army Service Forces, Chicago. Between April 1 and November 30, the soldiers invested \$197,086,568. In December an estimated 1,005,505 bonds were issued, and a new peak of some 1,520,714 bonds is estimated for January.

Vets May Get \$300 As Discharge Pay

WASHINGTON—The United States Government is establishing a \$3,000,000,000 "Pot 'o Gold" from which doughboys returning to their homes after the war is over will be able to get their share of discharge pay. The mustering out pay is being set aside as the result of the compromise soldier pay bill passed this week by the House and Senate. The benefits will go only to servicemen who receive honorable discharges. Soldiers who have served less than 60 days, and all of this time in the United States, will receive \$100. Those who have passed more than 60 days in uniform within the U. S. A. will get \$200, and those who have served overseas or in Alaska will receive \$300. All servicemen under the rank of Captain are eligible for these benefits if they receive honorable discharges, with the exception of those men and women over 38 who ask for honorable discharges to accept civilian jobs, and students in the Army's education-training program. Discharges have been running about 70,000 monthly, and it is estimated that \$250,000,000 will be needed for immediate cases.

Blue NCOS Elect

A reorganization meeting of the Combat Team Blue NCO Club, held recently installed Sgt. Eugene F. O'Brien, Co. M, as president. Members of the board of directors are, S/Sgt. O'Connor, Co. F, S/Sgt. Simon Gottlieb, Cn. Co., S/Sgt. Harvey Drew, Co. M, and T/4 John Cioffi, Medics. Lt. Mike Naddeo, 255th, athletic recreational director, remains as custodian of the club.

An American soldier consumes about one and one-half times as much food as the average civilian.

Enemy Propaganda Must Be Destroyed Says 63d Officer

People of the democracies, and especially the men of the United States Army, must be able to rip apart enemy propaganda and get the truth, Lt. George S. Hoar, orientation officer of the 254th Inf., said Wednesday at the regiment's orientation quiz. "The Nazis spend 500 million dollars annually for propaganda purposes, realizing the importance of twisting the minds of their soldiers and the outside world in order to further their military aims," Lt. Hoar said in opening the sessions for each battalion. The orientation series is designed to help the men study problems of the war and why we fight. S/Sgt. Hagemann Winner Cigarettes were awarded to men supplying the correct answers to questions hurled at them by the moderators. All those who tried to answer questions, "win or lose," were eligible to try for the "54-cigarette question." Winners of this big award were S/Sgt. R. G. Hagemann, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; Pfc. Michael Kuzma and Clyde W. Jones, both of Co. D; Sgt. Roscoe Fife, Co. H; Pfc. Vincent J. Miragea, Pvt. Abe Levy, and Cpl. S. Helman, all of Co. F; Cpl. James Meiross, Cpl. Abe Joskowitz and Pvt. Edward Gelfand, all of Co. I, and Pvt. Vic Felice, Anti-Tank Co. Moderators at the quiz were Lts. Richard Dwiggins, Co. B; Max Semel, Co. F, and Carlton Michael, Anti-Tank Co.

Clark Gives Summary

Pfc. Samuel Clark, of the program's board of experts, gave a five-minute news summary. The experts, including Clark, Pfc. Gino Bardi and T5 Nathan Guttman, answered questions from the floor on a variety of military and political matters. Next weeks battalion orientation program will include a skit, "Secret Weapons," prepared by Division Special Service. An hour will be devoted to discussion of current affairs.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. (CNS)—The Kansas City Power & Light Co. wanted its old dam on the Smoky Hill River destroyed. Army engineers from nearby Camp Phillips wanted demolition practice. They got together. Result: No dam.

Stonepile 'Pillbox' Fools Paratrooper on Ground

Once they drop through the enemy's anti-aircraft fire and get their feet on the ground, America's paratroopers swing into line in the same tough fashion as their earthbound brethren, the infantry, according to a letter received by Cpl. Cecil C. Curlett, Cannon Co., 253d Inf., from his brother, John. Cpl. Curlett's brother is now reported to be in North Africa, recuperating from wounds received in battle. Here are some excerpts from a letter in which he describes the working of American paratroopers.

Saw 'Pillboxes'

"The first thing I did when I hit the ground was to look around and see if any of the other fellows were in sight. All I could see was a circle of 'pillboxes' that I'd heard so much about. I didn't move a muscle, just waited for them to open with their guns and make a sieve of me. Finally, when they didn't fire, I cut myself free from my 'chute, got to my feet and, with a grenade in my hand, crept up on the 'box' closest to me. I wanted to know what was going on.

"Much to my relief, I found the 'pillboxes' nothing more than piles of rocks taken out of a field so the farmer could use his plow.

"On a hill directly in front of us we saw a convoy of foreign trucks. About 10 of them stopped a few seconds, long enough for anti-parachute troops to jump off and start out after us. The only thing we could do was hide until morning and then get back to the outfit. The following evening we located our regiment. We were surprised to learn that the trucks we'd seen the previous night were captured Italian trucks moving our troops forward.

"Long before sun-up one morning we started out, not knowing

where we were marching or why. It was all uphill and a hard drag. At the end of the third hour, tired and disgusted, we took a 10-minute break and, not caring if it was still dark, we lit cigarettes, trying to hide the flame as best we could.

Artillery Barrage

"Break over, we started out and hadn't gone for more than a half hour when all of a sudden, BANG! Daylight really broke for us. In one motion the entire column was in a ditch along the side of the road. A couple more artillery rounds came our way and then small arms fire searched for us. We soon organized into a firing line and started out to take the pass, which someone seemed anxious to hold.

"The mortars being far to the rear, I went up on the firing line with my rifle and picked out a nice big rock to get behind. I was there, firing away, when something made me look behind me. There in the ground, about a foot from my feet, a machine gun was chopping up the ground. I watched it a couple of seconds and then continued to fire. I'll never know why I didn't move my feet and try to get them a little farther away from the bullets.

"After about 15 minutes, the fellow next to me and I decided we wanted to light up a smoke. No sooner had our smoke curled above the rock than a couple of machine guns started chipping away at our rock. In one motion we squashed out our cigarettes and agreed we'd had enough smoke.

"The battle lasted only 31 minutes and we had the pass. But you can believe me when I tell you that plenty of fire was poured there in that short time."